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Point Reyes National Seashore News Release

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Shuttle Bus Transportation System Begins as Whales and Seals Arrive!

Point Reyes National Seashore Saturday, December 27, 2003

Park Superintendent Don Neubacher announces the seventh year of shuttle bus transportation beginning Saturday, December 27, 2003 and running through mid-April 2004. "It's an exciting time to visit the park with elephant seals returning to the Point Reyes Headlands and gray whales migrating between Alaska and Mexico." Limited parking is available at prime viewing areas such as Chimney Rock and the Historic Lighthouse and bus service eases congestion in these areas. The shuttle transportation system was identified in the Headlands Management Plan as an important tool to protect the fragile headlands but also allow access for visitors.

Bus service runs only on weekends and holidays in good weather. Ticket sales open at 9:00 am at the Ken Patrick Visitor Center at Drakes Beach and close at 3:00 pm. Children 16 and under are free, adult tickets are \$4.00 per person and Golden Age and Access discounts apply to the purchase. Sir Francis Drake Highway is closed at South Beach when the busses are operating, road closures begin at 9:00 am and the road reopens at approximately 5:30 pm. For more information, please call the Bear Valley Visitor Center at (415) 464-5137.

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